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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Agriculture

Directorate of Agriculture

Notification

3/1/AD(AE)/2017-18/D.Agri/119

1. *Short title and commencement.*— The scheme shall be called “Modified scheme for Custom Hiring Service in Agriculture”.

(i) The scheme shall cover all talukas of the State of Goa.

(ii) The scheme shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till it is withdrawn or as amended.

1. *Objectives.*— (i) Promote agricultural mechanization to overcome shortage and high cost of manual labour.

(ii) To encourage optimum tillage through custom service facility.

(iii) Enable completion of agricultural operations in time.

(iv) To bring in mechanization within reach of common farmer.

2. *Eligibility.*— (i) All the farmers in Goa venturing for ploughing/transplanting/weeding/harvesting shall be eligible for subsidy on hire charges of agricultural machineries.

(ii) Machinery should be hired from Government Departments or Government approved agencies.

3. *Pattern of Assistance.*— (i) 50% subsidy on standard hire charges will be provided to farmers at source while booking agriculture machineries on hire from Department of Agriculture. Whenever a Government approved agencies hire the machine, farmer has to pay full cost of hire charges and thereafter 50% subsidy shall be released to farmer after the work is completed and on due application.

(ii) 50% subsidy on standard hire charges shall also be provided for agriculture machineries hired by following agencies.— (a) Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. (b) Command Area Development Authority (CADA). (c) Goa Tillari Irrigation Corporation. (d) Department approved Farmers Club, NGO, Village Agro Service Centre. (e) Co-operative Societies. (f) Department approved individuals hiring out machinery at approved rates. (g) Manufacturing Companies custom hiring centres.

(iii) 60% subsidy for transplanting would be provided in case of collective farming for more than 04 Nos. of farmers having less than 1 hectare area of each individual farmers & combined to do transplanting collectively.

(iv) The present rate of standard hire charges are as shown below:—

- (a) Tractor (30 HP and above) : Rs. 500/hour
- (b) Mini Tractor (Upto 29 HP) : Rs. 200/hour
- (c) Power tiller (Upto 18HP) : Rs. 200/hour
- (d) Paddy combine harvester : Rs. 2000/hour
- (e) Paddy Transplanting :

(a) The subsidy for raising nursery & transplanting will be maximum of Rs. 15,000/- per hectare for individual farmers as shown at 3(i) & 3(ii) in Pattern of Assistance above and subsidy for raising nursery and transplanting will be maximum of Rs. 18,000/- per hectare for collective farming as shown in Pattern of Assistance at 3(iii) above.

(b) Incase of individual farmers, there will be a subsidy cap of maximum 2 hectare area & for collective farming, individuals should be having maximum 1 hectare area. However higher area can be part of collective farming but benefit will be restricted to 1 hectare area only.

(v) The subsidy shall be released based on standard hire charges per hour fixed by Department of Agriculture for each type of machine except for transplanter. The standard hire charges would be fixed by a committee nominated by Director of Agriculture with approval of Finance Department & Government. The committee will determine the cost of hire charges. However in case of transplanter, committee will determine raising of nursery & transplanting cost separately.

(vi) The subsidy for tilling soil shall be provided for cultivation of all crops & shall cover all operations.

(vii) No subsidy shall be provided to the farmer who has been provided with the appropriate machine for ploughing, transplanting, weeding and harvesting.

(viii) Wherever the subsidy is provided at source to the farmers at the time of payment of hire charges by Government, the subsidy will be book adjusted.

4. *Procedure and guidelines for claim of subsidy.*— (a) The agencies who are registered for providing custom hiring to the farmers will have a cap on the number of hours the machine would work in a season/ year. The following machines would work as follows:—

- (i) Tractor : 600 Hours per year
- (ii) Mini tractor : 500 Hours per year
- (iii) Power tiller/Mini tiller : 500 Hours per year
- (iv) Transplanting machine : 250 Hours per season (Kharif & Rabi)
- (v) Weeding machine : 250 Hours per season (Kharif & Rabi)
- (vi) Harvesting Machine : 350 Hours per season (Kharif & Rabi)

Any agency willing to do additional hours would be free to do so, however his bill will not be considered for subsidy.

(b) The agency would be given the requisition for carrying out the work by the concerned taluka level officer (i.e. Mechanical Cultivation Officer or Zonal Agricultural Officer) against which the agency will carry out the work of the farmer.

(c) In case of departmental tractors, subsidy to farmers will be provided at source while accepting advance payment towards standard hire charges.

(d) In case of machinery provided by agencies like Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana, Goa Tillari Irrigation Development Corporation, C.A.D.A. etc., subsidy will be paid to the agency if machinery is provided to farmers at subsidised rates.

(e) In case of farmer, subsidy will be reimbursed to the farmer upon receipt of claim from farmer and after verification of work and receipts towards work done.

(f) The farmer shall apply for subsidy within a period of three months from the date of execution of ploughing/harvesting/ /transplanting work.

(g) The formats of self declaration, acknowledgement, letter of authority to be furnished along with claims is enclosed.

(h) Annexures forming Annexure-I & Annexure-II for claiming reimbursement of custom service enclosed.

(i) Annexure-III as format of register to be maintained by the custom service provider to ascertain the number of working hours of machinery per season/year.

5. *Interpretation.*— Issues, if any, arising with regards to interpretation of any clause, word(s), expression(s) or the entire scheme, the decision in this respect shall vest with the Government.

6. *Redressal of grievances and disputes.*— Grievances or disputes, if any, arising out of implementation of the scheme shall be submitted to and decided by the Minister of Agriculture and the decision taken in this respect shall be final and binding on all concerned.

7. *Relaxation.*— The Government shall, with prior consultation with the Finance Department relax any or all conditions specified above to meet the objectives of the scheme.

This Notification shall be effective from immediate effect.

This is issued in supersession to earlier Notification No. 3/1/WS/Mech/13-14/D.Agric/ /224 dated 18th July, 2013 and issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expenditure) Department under U. O. No. 944, dated 04-07-2017.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Ulhas B. Pai Kakode, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Caranzalem, 30th August, 2017.

Self Declaration

I the undersigned r/o do hereby state & undertake that I have cultivated paddy/pulses/cereals/sugarcane in an area of Ha during year (20.....to 20.....) Kharif/Rabi season by way of mutual verbal agreement with the owner/occupant of the property figuring in the enclosed land index under Survey No.

The information provided above is correct and I shall be solely responsible if any of the information furnished above is proved false. Further, I hereby also indemnify the Directorate of Agriculture or their representative from any damage on legal issues that may arise in case the above information is proved to be false.

Dated:

Signature of Farmer:

Place:

Name of Farmer:

Address:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Subsidy for Custom Service for hiring Agricultural Machinery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, (Name of farmer) hereby acknowledge that the work requisitioned by me for Harvesting/Ploughing/Transplanting from (Name of service provider) has been satisfactorily completed.

Signature of Farmer:

LETTER OF AUTHORITY

I (Name of Farmer) resident of hereby state that I have availed custom service for Harvesting/Ploughing/Transplanting at subsidized hire charges and paid an amount of Rs. for Hours/Minutes of work or sq. mts area (Inc case of transplanting) vide receipt No. dated

In view of the services obtained, I hereby authorize the Director of Agriculture to pay the subsidy on custom service due to me, be paid to

Date:-

Sign of Farmer:-

Place:-

Name of Farmer:-

ANNEXURE – I

(To be submitted by the service provider)

Statement of claim for reimbursement of Custom Service for the year

Name of Service Provider:- Period of Claim:-

Season:- Kharif / Rabi

Nature of Work:- Ploughing/Harvesting/Transplanting

Type of Agriculture Machinery:- Tractor/Mini Tractor/Power Tiller/Paddy Transplanter/Combine Harvester

Sr. No	Name of the farmer	Village	Receipt No.	Date of work done	Area (Sq.mts)	Total work completed in terms of Hours/Area	Amount realized (Rs.)	Subsidy amount due	Remark
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Shri/Smt. (Name of authorised person), on behalf of (Name of Organisation/Society/Club) hereby state that the harvesting/ploughing/transplanting work of the farmers have been carried out to their full satisfaction and the time/area shown in the Annexure is the actual time used for harvesting/ploughing/transplanting work of the respective farmer.

In case the said hours or the actual claim is found to be false, the excess amount shall be deducted from the claims submitted by us.

Date:

Seal and Signature of the service provider

ANNEXURE – II

(To be submitted by the Zonal Agriculture Officer/Mechanical Cultivation Officer)

Statement of claim for reimbursement of Custom Service for the year

Name of Service Provider:- Period of Claim:

Season:- Kharif/Rabi

Nature of Work:- Ploughing/Harvesting/Transplanting

Type of Agriculture Machinery:- Tractor/Mini Tractor/Power Tiller/Paddy Transplanter/Combine Harvester

Sr. No	Name of the farmer	Village	Receipt No.	Date of work done	Area (Sq.mts)	Total work completed in terms of Hours/Area	Total recommen- ded eligible hours/area	Total recommen- ded eligible subsidy amount (Rs.)	Remark
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

CERTIFICATE

1. Certified that the work in respect of above farmers have been satisfactorily completed by the service provider and an amount of Rs. (Rs. in words) is recommended for sanction towards the ploughing/transplanting/harvesting work to be paid to the farmers/service provider.
2. It is certified that the original bills/receipts of the farmers and related documents are duly verified, certified and are retained in this office for records.

Signature of the ZAO/MCO :

ANNEXURE - III

Register to be maintained by Custom Service Providers

Name of the Custom Service Provider:-

Registration No. of Machine (Allotted by ZAO):-

Registration No. of Machine (Allotted by RTO):-

Month and Year:-

Date	Name of Farmer	Village	Area (Sq.mts)	Hours work done	Receipt No.	Nature of work done/implement used	Signature of driver/owner
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Signature of Service Provider:-

Notification

3/1/AD(AE)/2017-18/D.Agr/120

1. *Short title and commencement.*— The scheme shall be called “Promotion of Mechanization in Agriculture” and shall be implemented under the sub component “Assistance for Purchase of Agriculture Machinery & Equipments”.

(i) The scheme shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till withdrawn or as amended.

(ii) The scheme shall cover the State of Goa.

1. *Objectives.*— (i) Promote mechanization to overcome shortage and high cost of agricultural labour.

(ii) Enable completion of agricultural operations in time.

(iii) Reduce cost of cultivation of crops and increase net returns to farmers.

(iv) Promote coverage of more area under crops.

(v) Reduce drudgery of farmers specially farm women.

2. *Eligibility for availing assistance.*— (i) Individual farmer, registered Group of Farmers, registered agricultural Co-operative Societies of Farmers, Non-Government Organizations, Village Panchayat, Registered Agriculture Development Institutions, Farming Companies involved in commercial cultivation of various crops shall be eligible.

(ii) Farmers should possess Krishi Card of State of Goa.

(iii) In addition to the above, following criteria shall be required to be met by the applicant to avail benefit for specific machines.

2.(a). *Tractor.*— (i) The farmer for his individual use of tractor should own atleast 10 ha. of area under agriculture duly supported by ownership documents.

(ii) Farmer shall be required to furnish the name of the driver for tractor along with copy of his valid driving license.

2.(b). *Mini Tractor.*— (i) The farmer for individual use of mini tractor should own 2 ha. and more area under agriculture duly supported by documents of ownership of land.

(ii) Farmer shall be required to furnish the name of the driver with the copy of the driving license.

2.(c). *Power Tiller.*— (i) The benefit of subsidy for purchase of Power Tiller for individual use requires the farmer to own agriculture land of 1 ha. and more duly supported by ownership documents.

(ii) Individual farmer owning agriculture land of 3000m² and more shall be eligible for subsidy to buy a power tiller provided that such farmer gives an undertaking (self declaration) to hire out their power tiller to other farmers on hire for agriculture operation & needs to register with ZAO/MCO as registered service providers to provide custom service at approved rates and also maintain the register towards the work done as per Annexure-VI.

2.(d). *Other machines.*— (i) The farmers owning agriculture land of 2000 sq. metre and more are eligible to avail subsidy for purchase of machinery & equipments for items shown at Sr. No. 4 to 9 and Sr. No. 12 to 17 & 46 of Annexure-V.

(ii) Manually operated equipments including manually operated sprayers & gator sprayers & the items shown from Sr. No. 35 to 42 & 44 of Annexure-V will be provided to farmers for agriculture purpose having 500 sq. metre or more of agriculture land.

(iii) The items used as attachment to main machines shown at Sr. No. 18 to 34, 43, 45, 47 of Annexure-V shall be provided only 50% subsidy to all category of farmers/groups/societies who own main machines purchased through subsidy from the department.

(iv) Paddy Transplanter of walk behind type will be provided to individual farmer owning atleast 4000m² of paddy field for self use and to hire out to needy farmers & where as riding type transplanter shall be provided only to Farmer Clubs/Societies/NGO etc. for

providing custom service and not to individuals.

(v) Paddy Combine Harvester shall be provided only to Farmers Club/Societies/NGO etc. and not to individuals & will be eligible for only 50% subsidy to all category of farmers/ /groups/societies.

2.(e). *Institutions.*— (i) Institutions, Societies, NGO's, Farmers Club, etc. shall furnish the registration certificate, resolution of Board, list of board members, copy of Memorandum of Association, mandate form of Bank, letter of authority for paying subsidy to bank, valid driving license of the person who would drive the tractor or mini tractor or paddy combine.

(ii) Only registered Farmers Societies, Farmers Clubs or NGO's shall be eligible for availing assistance for Paddy Combine Harvester.

(iii) Farmer club/societies/institutions etc. need not possess their own land. However 2/3rd members out of minimum ten members of such agencies, groups, societies etc. shall possess krishi card with minimum agricultural area of 1000m² each or more for purchase of paddy combine harvester, paddy transplanter, tractor, mini tractor, power tiller etc. & no members of the groups shall be in possession of any of these machines in their individual capacity.

(iv) Only approved models of machine would be assisted by Government.

3. *Pattern of Assistance.*— (i) The ammended pattern of assistance is as shown below:—

Sr. No.	Type of machinery/equipments	Pattern of assistance (General, SC, ST, Groups, Societies etc.)
A.	Tractor, Mini tractor, Power tiller, Mini tiller & Paddy Combine Harvester	50%

B. All other agricultural machinery & equipments & attachments/ implements	75%
C. The items used as attachments/ implements to other machines shown at Sr. No. 18 to 34, 43, 45, 47 of Annexure-V	50%

(ii) If the machine or equipment is purchased by obtaining loan from bank or any other financial institutions, the subsidy shall be released to the bank or such agency.

(iii) In case the farmer has purchased the machine or equipment at his cost the subsidy shall be released to the farmer.

(iv) In case a farmer is financially poor with annual income of less than Rs. 3,60,000/- and furnishes Income Certificate from competent authority to this effect, then the farmer will be eligible to purchase machine or equipments by availing "At source subsidy facility". In such case the subsidy shall be paid to the dealer provided farmer pays his/her share of cost (cost price-subsidy) to the dealer and also furnishes Letter of Authority to that effect. All such cases shall require prior approval of Director of Agriculture.

(v) The subsidy shall be paid as per the standard cost of the machine fixed or as per the actual cost (excluding Taxes) whichever is less.

(vi) The cost of machine or equipment over & above the standard cost if any shall be fully borne by the farmer.

(vii) Subsidy admissible from Government of India Schemes including RKVY shall be adjusted within the total subsidy as above and only the balance subsidy shall be paid from State Sector.

(viii) One primary tillage attachment shall required to be purchased along with purchase of tractor or mini tractor and only after satisfactory utilization (as reported by ZAO) additional attachment shall be approved for purchase.

(ix) In case of failure of the beneficiary to provide machines on hire as per his/her self declaration (Undertaking), then the subsidy paid shall be summarily withdrawn and recovered as revenue recovery.

(x) The machine should be purchased from approved dealers registered with the Department of Agriculture only. If any such machine is purchased from outside State, in such cases the beneficiary shall obtain from manufacturer/dealer a letter of assurance of after sales service/Warranty & Guarantee terms for the machine being purchased and also obtain quotation from dealer in Goa and outside State dealer for comparison and confirming reasonability of rates. Any disputes arising after sales, service/Warranty & Guarantee terms for machine purchased from outside State shall be sole responsibility of the beneficiary for settling the disputes with the respective dealer.

(xi) No purchase of new machine shall be approved to any individual if the previous machine purchased with Government assistance has not completed its utility period of 10 years for tractors, mini tractors, paddy transplanter (riding type) and paddy combine harvester and 6 years for all other machines/ equipments/implements. However the Service Providers of tractors registered with the department for providing custom service would become eligible for purchase of new tractor upon completion of 10,000 hours of work irrespective of the number of years completed since the date of its purchase.

(xii) A beneficiary purchasing Tractor will not be eligible for purchase of Mini tractor, Power tiller & Mini tiller for a period of 10 years or 10,000 hours whichever is reached later.

(xiii) A beneficiary purchasing Mini tractor will not be eligible for purchase of Tractor Power tiller & Mini tiller for a period of 10 years or 8000 hours whichever is reached later.

(xiv) A beneficiary purchasing Power tiller will not be eligible for purchase of Tractor, Mini

tractor & Mini tiller for a period of 6 years or 4000 hours whichever is reached later.

(xv) A beneficiary purchasing Mini tiller will not be eligible for purchase of Tractor, Mini tractor & Power tiller for a period of 6 years or 2500 hours whichever is reached later.

(xvi) The standard cost of machines shall be fixed by the technical committee constituted by the Department.

4. *Guidelines and procedure.*— (i) The scheme shall be co-ordinated by Agriculture Engineering Section.

(ii) The applicant shall apply to Zonal Agriculture Officer in prescribed application form in Annexure-I along with abstract of krishi card, quotation of the machinery from dealer/authorized dealer with other details as listed in Annexure-II.

(iii) The applicant shall fulfill the eligibility conditions of the scheme. Individual farmer shall not obtain NOC from any other individual to fulfill the required eligible area criteria for purchase of machineries/equipments under subsidy. The certificate for not having purchased such machinery/equipment/attachment for last 6 years and 10 years for tractor, mini tractor, combine harvester, paddy transplanter (riding).

(iv) The NGO's, Groups, registered farmer Societies, Farmers Club, etc. will be eligible for subsidy for maximum of two tractors, two mini-tractor, two Power tillers & 5 Nos. of other agricultural equipments/attachments. Additional number of equipments/attachments would be allowed by the department upon verification of full utilization of allotted machine.

(v) The subsidy for paddy combine shall be provided only to groups, registered agricultural co-operative societies, Village Agro Service Centres etc. & not for individual farmers. It would be purchased only with prior approval of Government and shall fulfill the criteria for eligibility of group/Institutions.

(vi) In case of loan from the Bank or other organization, loan account details and name of financier shall be indicated in the prescribed application form along with copy of first page of loan account book.

(vii) The registered Agricultural Co-operative Societies/Panchayat/Registered Group, NGO desirous of providing Tractor, Mini tractor, Power tiller etc. on custom service in the village should provide a copy of registration certificate of society, copy of Memorandum of Association, transaction in bank account, quotation, resolution of the Board/Organization/Governing committee, authorized signatory for doing the transactions, an undertaking of providing service to the farmers at prescribed rate.

(viii) The proposal for purchase of machinery like tractor, mini tractor, power tiller, mini tiller, paddy transplanter, combine harvester etc. shall be verified by Zonal Agriculture Officer and respective Mechanical Cultivation Officer & forward to the Director of Agriculture through Assistant Director (Agriculture Engineering) for administrative Approval. Upon approval by Director of Agriculture, the approval shall be conveyed by Zonal Agriculture Officer to the beneficiary. For all other cases, administrative approval shall be accorded by the concerned Zonal Agriculture Officer within financial limits (i.e subsidy upto Rs. 1.5 lakhs) delegated to them.

(ix) The Zonal Agriculture Officer shall submit the completed claims to the District Agriculture Office (North/South) as per guidelines and checklist for expenditure sanction. The expenditure sanction shall be issued by the District Agriculture Office (North/South) upto Rs. 3 Lakhs and expenditure sanction above Rs. 3 Lakhs shall be issued by Director of Agriculture & the assistance admissible shall be drawn & paid through concerned District Agriculture Office (North/South). The payment shall be done through ECS mode of payment OR any other mode as specified by the Finance Department of the State.

(x) The machinery/equipment/attachment subsidized under scheme shall be verified annually for its utility by the concerned Zonal Agriculture Officer and copy of verification/inspection report to be placed in the respective file of the beneficiary.

(xi) Any machinery/equipments/attachments shall be purchased only from dealers registered with the Department of Agriculture. Purchase of any such machinery from outside State, specific approval shall be required to be obtained in advance.

(xii) The standard price of items that are not listed in the circular but are eligible for subsidy shall be specifically examined on case to case basis by the technical committee formed by department prior to according administrative approval.

(xiii) The subsidy would be restricted to the percentage stipulated for a particular machine based on standard cost or the actual cost (excluding Taxes) whichever is less.

(xiv) The case where the machines were purchased in previous year the subsidy would be paid as per the standard price applicable for that particular year.

(xv) The Zonal Agriculture Officer shall ensure that the Tractor/Mini Tractor/Trolley is duly registered in the local registration Office and shall enclose the copy of registration for claiming the subsidy.

(xvi) Wherever the machine has been purchased for hiring out to the other farmers, the Zonal Agriculture Officer shall duly register such machine in the concerned office and display its availability to other farmers.

(xvii) Zonal Agriculture Officer's are empowered to consider and accord Ex-post facto administrative approval for machinery/equipments/attachments purchased costing upto Rs. 10,000/- & below (Excl. GST), but to ensure that the approval is given within the allotted target.

(xviii) Any machinery/equipments/attachments approved by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India shall be considered for subsidy purpose.

(xix) For machinery/equipments/attachments valued more than Rs. 5000/- (invoice cost Excluding taxes), photograph of beneficiary along with purchased machinery with visibly engraved machinery registration number given by ZAO shall be enclosed.

(xx) Farmers/individuals who has purchased tractors/mini tractor/power tiller for own use can also provide custom service to the farmer provided that they should furnish self declaration (Undertaking) for such work to ZAO/MCO and should get their machines registered with the department for providing custom service.

(xxi) Machinery purchased under Government assistance shall not be taken outside State for any purpose without obtaining prior approval from Director of Agriculture.

(xxii) Subsidy amount of Rs. 500/- and less for the machinery/equipments purchased by the beneficiary will not be considered.

(xxiii) The competent authority for issuing road tax exemption certificate for tractor, mini tractor and trailer will be the Assistant Director (Agriculture Engineering) of this Directorate.

(xxiv) Individual beneficiary shall be eligible for subsidy for any one of the machine amongst tractor or mini tractor and power tiller or mini tiller.

(xxv) Tractor/Mini tractor/Trailer or any other road-worthy agriculture machinery purchased through department subsidy shall be compulsorily registered with the State Government registering authority (Transport Department).

(xxvi) The list of revised Annexures (I to VI) are enclosed.

5. *Relaxation.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all clauses or conditions of the scheme in genuine cases. However in such cases, release of financial assistance will be considered only with the approval of Finance (Exp.) Department.

6. *Interpretation.*— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

7. *Redressal of grievances and disputes.*— Grievances if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme, shall be heard and decided by the Minister for Agriculture and the decision of the Minister for Agriculture in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This Notification will be effective from immediate effect. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U. O. No. 957 dated 04-07-2017.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Ulhas B. Pai Kakode, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Caranzalem, 30th August, 2017.

ANNEXURE – I

1. Application form as prescribed by the department.

ANNEXURE – II

Documents required for Assistance under scheme sub component "Assistance for purchase of Agriculture Machinery & Equipments".

1. Quotation from the dealer for machinery/ /equipment/attachment proposed to be purchased.

2. Abstract of Krishi Card.

3. Certificate of not having purchase tractor, mini tractor, combine harvester, paddy transplanter

(ridding type) for last ten years & other machinery/ /equipment/attachment for last six years by respective individual applicant (Annexure-III).

4. Self declaration as enclosed in Annexure-IV.

5. Incase the machine is purchased from outside Goa, than Undertaking from the dealer that service shall be provided in Goa and also quotation from the dealer in Goa and outside Goa for comparison. Incase if the machine is not available in Goa than the machine may be purchased from outside State from the authorised dealer provided the dealer gives service after sales and the certificate stating that there is no authorised dealer in Goa.

6. The registered Agricultural Co-operative Societies/Panchayat/registered group/NGOs etc. desires of providing tractor, mini tractor, power tiller service in village should provide a copy of registration certificate of society, copy of Articles of Association, transaction in bank account, quotation, resolution of the board/organization/governing committee, authorised signatory for doing the transactions, an self declaration (Undertaking) of providing service to the farmer of corresponding village/villages.

7. Tractor/Mini tractor/combine harvester purchases to have valid driving license.

8. Registration certificate for tractor/mini tractor from the concerned transport authority.

ANNEXURE-III

CERTIFICATE BY ZONAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER

It is certified that the applicant Shri/Smt. having Krishi Card No. has not purchased (Name of machine/attachment/equipment) for last six/ten years.

It is certified that the applicant belongs to SC/ /ST/Woman/General category.

Certified that the applicant is a bonafide farmer/ /Societies engaged in agriculture work.

(Zonal Agriculture Officer)

(Seal)

ANNEXURE-IV

Self Declaration

I/We resident of represented by (in case of organization) here by state and affirm that the..... (Type of machinery) being purchased by me and for which the subsidy is requested by me from the Department of Agriculture, Government of Goa, shall be used exclusively for agriculture purpose by me in my property located at and/or for hiring out to farmer's in Villages.

I hereby agree to use the machinery in my field and to hire to needy farmers for at least next 6 years/ /10 years from the date of purchase of machinery for Agricultural use. In the default of same, I undertake that the subsidy paid to me/us by the Department of Agriculture shall be repaid back to the Government failing which I authorize the Director of Agriculture or his representative to recover the subsidy paid to me as recovery of Government Revenue.

Photo of farmer

Dated:- Signature of Farmer:-

Place:- Name of Farmer:-

Address:-

ANNEXURE-V

Assistance for Purchase of Agriculture Machinery and Equipments

Sr. No	List of Eligible Machineries/Equipments/Attachments
1	Tractor 30 HP & above with at least one attachment (mould board plough/discplough, cultivator etc. except disc harrow and rotovator.)
2	Mini Tractor up to 29 HP with at least one attachment
3	Power Tiller (Below 18 HP)
4	Weed Cutter
5	Mini weeder/tiller
6	Small sugarcane harvesters
7	Self propelled or power driven paddy reaper
8	Plant protection equipments—Spray pump
9	Groundnut decorticator

10	Paddy transplanter
11	Combine harvester (case basis)
12	Coconut/Areca-nut de-husker/peeler
13	Mechanized shredder for composting/chaff Cutter
14	Cashew juice extractor
15	Inter cultivation machines
16	Primary farm processing & value addition equipments such as (a) Pulper (b) Drier (c) Cocum cutter (d) Pulveriser (e) Pepper separator (f) Slurry pumps (g) Polisher
17	Crop thresher
18	Tractor operated shredder
19	Disc plough
20	M. B. plough
21	Ridger
22	Disc harrow
23	Cultivator
24	Clod crusher
25	Sugarcane stubble shaver
26	Laser leveler
27	Rotary weeder (slasher)
28	Post hole digger
29	Multi crop seed drill
30	Sugarcane cutter planter
31	Levelling blade (front or rear)
32	Harvesting attachments
33	Tractor or power tiller trailer
34	Rotovator for tractor
35	Telescopic Pruner
36	Bullock drawn groundnut digger
37	Groundnut cleaner cum grader
38	Fruit harvester
39	Manually operated/Bullock drawn equipments
40	Harvesting pole/Aluminium ladder
41	Coconut/Arecanut tree climber
42	Paddy seeder
43	Lugged wheels/drum cage wheels
44	Wheel barrow
45	Mulching equipment
46	Self Propelled earth auger
47	Attachment to weed cutter – Pruner

Note:- Any other machinery/equipments/attachments that are not listed in the Annexure but useful to the farmers shall be specifically examined by technical committee of Department & recommend for their purchase only if found suitable to local field & crop condition.

ANNEXURE-VI
INSPECTION REPORT

This is to certify that the beneficiary Shri./Smt. resident of has purchased below mentioned machineries/equipments/attachments during the year & is duly registered in this zonal office.

Sr. No.	Details of Agriculture machinery/ /Equipment/Attachment (Including Engine No., Chassis No. & Model No.)	Quantity	Office Registration number	Name of Dealer
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The above machinery is found to be working satisfactorily during the time of inspection.

Inspected by

(Signature of Asst. Agriculture Officer)

(Signature of Zonal Agriculture Officer)



Department of Information and Publicity

Notification

DI/INF/Scheme/Ex-gratia-2017

Government of Goa is pleased to notify a scheme to provide compassionate assistance by way of Ex-Gratia financial assistance upto Rs. five lakhs to journalist and or their family member as the case may be in case of permanent disability or serious medical ailment rendering them incapable of earning a livelihood and for the family on account of death of Journalist while in service/missing.

I. Short title and commencement.— (1) The Scheme will be called as “the Goa Ex-Gratia Compassionate Assistance to the dependents of Journalist Scheme, 2017”.

(2) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2020.

(3) The object of the scheme is to assist the journalist and or his family in tiding over the emergent situation resulting from the permanent disability, serious medical ailment to the journalist or on account of death of the journalist by giving financial assistance.

II. Definitions.— In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,— (a) “Family Member” means his/her wife/husband as the case may be, minor sons, unmarried daughters, major sons who is dependent upon the journalist;

(b) “Government” means the Government of Goa;

(c) “Journalist” means any journalist who is either a working journalist as defined in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 (45 of 1955), as amended from time to time and is a full-time Journalist and does not engage himself in any other activity and earns his livelihood through his journalistic activities with an newspaper, news agency or news channel.

(d) “Photographer” means who is either a working photographer as defined in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 (45 of 1955), as amended from time to time and is a full-time photographer and does not engage himself in any other activity and earns his livelihood through his photographic activities

with an newspaper or news agency or news channel and **so approved by the screening committee under this scheme;**

(e) "Media organization" means any print or electronic media organization, which disseminates 100% news on daily basis as well as print publications like weekly, monthly or other periodicity, printed and published from the State in case of print media and disseminate from the State in case of Electronic Media.

Words and phrases used in this scheme but not defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Goa State Media Representatives Accreditation Rules, 2012.

III. *Scope of the Scheme.*— The Department of Information and Publicity shall disburse the relief on receipt of application from the journalists and/or his dependent family member under this scheme.

IV. *Eligibility.*— For being eligible under this scheme, the journalist:

(a) Shall be based in Goa with a continuous residence of not less than 15 years and a certificate issued by Mamlatdar of the Taluka to that effect should be produced.

(b) He must be working for a Media Organization as defined under the scheme.

V. *Procedure to file the application under the scheme.*— The applicant or his family members, as the case may be who is eligible under this scheme shall file an application indicating all the requisite details alongwith the required documents addressed to the Director, Department of Information and Publicity, 3rd floor, Udyog Bhavan, Panaji-Goa.

VI. *Sanctioned and Disbursement Procedure.*— There shall be a Scrutiny Committee for scrutinizing the application received under the scheme and to recommend the disbursement of the ex gratia relief to journalists/family under the Chairmanship of the Joint Director of Information and Publicity and consisting of President (Goa Union of Journalists 'GUJ', President), an

eminent personality from the field of Journalism and Under Secretary (Finance Expenditure) as members. The applicants must satisfy the Committee that they fulfill the eligibility criteria of the scheme and for this purpose, the Committee may direct the applicant to produce additional documents in support of the application if required or desired. This Committee shall decide the applications under the schemes and recommended to the State Government accordingly.

VII. *Quantum of Ex-gratia compensation.*— The grant of ex-gratia relief on account of death/injury caused to human life during the coverage/on field with the following descriptions:

Sr. No.	Category of cases	Rate of ex-gratia relief
a.	Death of Journalist	Rs. 5,00,000/- to the family
b.	Permanent disability rendering the journalist incapable of earning a livelihood (handicapness of 40% or more)	Rs. 5,00,000/- to the journalist
c.	Grievous injury (an injury which may not result in permanent disability but requires hospitalization for more than one month for recovering from the injury)	Rs. 2,00,000/- to the journalist or his/her family
d.	Major medical ailments	Up to Rs. 2 lakhs to the journalist or family. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not being covered under DDSSY of the State Government or any other insurance/Health schemes, etc.
e.	Minor Injury (an injury which is of First Aid or minor in nature or which does not require hospitalization for duration more than 3 days)	Actual cost of treatment or upto Rs. 50,000/- whichever is lower to the journalist or his/her family

The grant of compensation as referred above shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Production of post-mortem report in case of death; certificate in case of grievous injury, partial and permanent disability and prescription slip as well as verification of actual cost of medical treatment in case of simple injury or major medical ailments from the concerned Medical Officer/Health Officer/Hospital.

(ii) Requisite documents shall be submitted along with the application like Resident Certificate of the Journalist issued by the Mamlatdar, certificate issued by the Editor of the media organisation stating that the concerned Journalist is employee of the concerned media organisation etc.

(iii) Copy of First Information Report (FIR) of incident from Police Department, wherever required.

(iv) Photographs of killed/injured person(s) duly attested by the Police/Medical Officers or Health Officer as the case may be.

(v) The claims/recommendation found genuine during scrutiny shall be finally approved by the Director, Information and Publicity and thereafter to be recommended to the State Government for sanction.

(vi) The Department may release upto 20% of the amount of relief prescribed for human loss/permanent and partial disability/grievous injury/major ailment on receipt of reports as interim relief immediately to the family of the deceased/injured/sick journalist after due verification in anticipation of formal sanction without delay. The balance amount will be released after receipt of the complete relief claim.

(vii) This ex-gratia compensation shall be applicable only in respect of death/injuries/major ailment occurred on or after the notification of scheme in the Official Gazette.

8. *Exception.*— Notwithstanding anything contained in this scheme, the scrutiny

committee if it feels necessary in very special/exceptional cases may recommend higher level of assistance or suggest any deviation of the guidelines or special assistance for approval of the State Government.

9. *The expenditure on this account shall be debited to the following budget head:*

Demand No: 56

Major head:

2220—Information and Publicity;

60—Other;

103—Press Information Services;

03—Financial Assistance in Indigent (Plan);

50—Other Charges.

X. *Relaxation.*— The Director, Department of Information and Publicity may relax any provision of this scheme after taking Government approval if need arises.

XI. *General.*— Grant of financial assistance under this scheme to any working Journalist is not a matter of right. Assistance would be extended depending on the committee's satisfaction regarding the eligibility/merits of the cases and approval of the State Government and the financial resources available for the purpose. The State Government reserves the right to reject or accept any application/claim without assigning any reasons thereof.

12. *Interpretation.*— If any question arise as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of this scheme or if there is dispute relating to fulfilment of conditions, then the decision of the Director, Department of Information and Publicity therein shall be final and binding on all.

This issue with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U. O. No. 1697 dated 02-08-2017.

T. S. Sawant, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Information and Publicity).

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